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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN TRADE TEAM VISITS GUYANA

1. A 10 MAN JAMAICAN TRADE TEAM VISITED GUYANA SEPTEMBER 7-10. CALLED "EXPOJAM 77", THE MISSION WAS FROM THE JAMAICAN EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION, AND LED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, LACELLES CHIN. THE PRIMARY AIMS OF THE TEAM, WHICH HAD VISITED ST. LUCIA, BARBADOS, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BEFORE COMING TO GUYANA, WERE TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON GUYANA'S ECONOMIC SITUATION, TO INTRODUCE NEW PRODUCTS, AND TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH STATE TRADING CORPORATIONS AND PRIVATE FIRMS. PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS REPRESENTED BY TEAM MEMBERS WERE PROCESSED FOODS, PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, BUILDING MATERIALS, POLYPROPLENE AND JUTE BAGS, INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS AND DOMESTIC MATERIALS.

2. TEAM HAD BUSY ROUND OF MEETINGS INCLUDING SESSIONS WITH MINISTER OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION GEORGE KING, AND CHAIRMAN OF GUYSTAC TRADING GROUP 2, DAVID BLACKMAN. MEETINGS WERE ALSO HELD WITH MEMBERS OF GUYANA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, GEORGETOWN CHANBER OF COMMERCE, GUYANA NATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION, AND THE EXTERNAL TRADE BUREAU. IN TALK WITH MINISTER KING, TEAM REPORTEDLY
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EMPHASIZED CONTINUED CONFIDENCE WHICH JAMAICAN BUSINESS HAS IN THE CARICOM MOVEMENT. KING IN TURN ASSURED TEAM THAT GOG IS "UNRESERVEDLY COMMITTED" TO UPHOLD SPIRIT AND PURPOSE OF CARICOM AND RECOGNIZES ITS OBLIGATION TO TRADE WITH THE GROUP.

3. IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT, TEAM PRAISED GUYANA FOR LEADER-

SHIP ROLE AND "SINCERITY OF PURPOSE" IN ASSISTING CARICOM
TO MAXIMISE ITS POTENTIAL. MISSION NOTED CONCERN THAT THERE
WAS NO MACHINERY TO DISCIPLINE OR REPRIMAND THOSE WHO WENT
AGAINST CARICOM AGREEMENT AND THIS CREATED PROBLEMS FOR
REGION'S MANUFACTURERS. DEPARTUTE STATEMENT ALSO CONTAINED
ASSURANCES FOR LOCAL IMPORTERS THAT JAMAICAN EXPORTERS STILL
HAVE CONFIDENCE AND INTEREST IN GUYANA DESPITE THE CURRENT
INABILITY TO MAKE PROMPT PAYMENTS FOR IMPORTS.
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